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"Amendment of the claims under Article 19(1)(Rule 46)"

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Dear Sir,

The Applicant, who received the International Search Report relating to the above-identified International Application transmitted on 24.11.2004, hereby files amendment under article 19(1) as in the attached sheets.

Further, the applicant amends claims 1. Other claims remain unchanged.

Very truly yours,


Shiro NAKAJIMA

Attachment:

(1) Amendment under Article 19(1)

2 sheets

Claims

1. (Amended) A low-pressure mercury lamp, comprising:
an arc tube whose at least one end is wound around an axis
entirely in a longitudinal direction thereof; and

5 a holding member that holds the arc tube in a state where
the at least one end is inserted in an opening formed in the
holding member,

wherein the holding member includes an insertion-guiding
unit for guiding the at least one end of the arc tube to be
10 inserted into the opening while preventing positional deviation
of the at least one end, when the arc tube is rotated around
the axis to be attached to the holding member, the
insertion-guiding unit being in contact with the at least one
end of the arc tube.

15 2. The low-pressure mercury lamp of Claim 1, wherein
the insertion-guiding unit is formed as a groove extending
in a direction in which the end of the arc tube is wound around
the axis.

20 3. The low-pressure mercury lamp of Claim 2, wherein
a part of the groove that comes in contact with a part
of the end of the arc tube has a shape corresponding to a shape
of the part of the end of the arc tube.

25 4. The low-pressure mercury lamp of Claim 1, wherein
the arc tube includes a pair of lead wires for an electrode

extending from the end of the arc tube,

the opening opens toward a direction of the axis, and